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## NEW PRESIDENT COMES HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Professor S. J. Vaughn of the University of Illinois, who has recently been elected president of Hardin College, comes to Mexico with the very highest recommendations.

The fact that he is a graduate of Drury College and took special work at the University of Missouri means that he will be familiar with a great many Missouri problems and will understand the people of this state.

After leaving school he learned the printer's trade and wrote the first text book on printing for schools.

Following that he was for four years principal of Dadeville Academy and then went to Illinois where he has had ten years' experience as head of the department of Industrial Teacher Training at Northern Illinois State Normal School, which position he left, to become head of the Department of Industrial Education at the University of Illinois.

Besides being a contributor to leading educational magazines he has lectured on social and economic questions.

He served a year in the Army during the World War.

President Vaughn arrived in Mexico Thursday afternoon to confer with members of the Hardin faculty. He will be here for several days.

## FUNERAL OF OLD AUDRAIN RESIDENT WAS ON TUESDAY

The funeral of W. R. Campbell, formerly of Audrain County, was held at New Hope Church Tuesday afternoon. The deceased had lived in this county until about fifteen years ago, when he moved to Barton county and where his death occurred Sunday.

Mr. Campbell was born and reared near New Hope church and was a prosperous farmer of that section until his removal fifteen years ago. He was about 70 years of age.

The deceased was a cousin of Rufus Jackson, postmaster of Mexico and of A. D. Jackson, cashier of the Southern Bank. Two brothers, J. S. Campbell and S. R. Campbell of Audrain County also survive. These, and other members of their families attended the funeral services Tuesday, which were conducted by Rev. J. S. Jesse at the New Hope Church.

Mr. Campbell was a fine Christian man and one whose death would be a loss to any community. The Ledger joins in extending sympathy to his relatives and many friends.

## ALMA BROWN MARRIES

Miss Alma Brown of this city and Charles Wilmoth of Benton City were united in marriage in Laddonia Sunday. The bride has been very successful as a teacher in the rural schools near Benton and it was while there that she met Mr. Wilmoth.

Miss Brown is one of the city's most charming women who has always been most energetic. She has a host of friends who will be pleased to hear of her happy marriage.

Her husband also comes from one of the fine families of Benton City. He is a very prosperous farmer near that place.

Many friends of this couple join the Ledger in wishing them many years of happiness.

## COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT PLEASED WITH LOCAL ASSISTANCE

Superintendent Ed C. Offutt, who has returned from a visit to rural schools, speaks highly of the aid that Mexico organizations and individuals have given him and of their interest in the welfare of rural children.

The Chamber of Commerce, he says, has done a wonderful work by offering prizes to rural school pupils. The Round Up prizes totaled \$100 last year it is expected that they will be repeated.

Merchants in Laddonia and Mexico have encouraged people to trade in Audrain County and have shown them that by so doing their money comes back to them.

An stimulated civic pride a great many.

To State Meeting. Vessil Patti leaves May 23rd for Cape Girardeau, as representative of the Mexico Knights of Pythias lodge, to attend the meeting of the Knights of Pythias Grand lodge in that city.



New President of Hardin S. J. VAUGHN

## GOOCH BUYS ROBERTSON STORE HERE

R. L. Gooch has purchased the G. W. Robertson hardware stock and with his son, Edward Gooch, will conduct the business in the future at the same location on the east side of the square. This is one of the largest hardware stores in this section of the state, and Mr. Robertson has conducted the business for a great many years and has been a most successful merchant.

Mr. Robertson's many friends trust that he will continue to make Mexico his home in the future. George Will Robertson, who has been connected with his father with for a time handle the implement department for the new firm.

Mr. Gooch was formerly with the Mexico Hardware and Furniture Company. He is an experienced merchant and the Ledger joins his many friends in welcoming him back into local business circles.

## RURAL ROUTES ARE CHANGED BY GOVERNMENT ORDERS

In accord with instructions from the Post Office Department, Postmaster Jackson, Monday, changed rural routes No. seven, from the Mexico post office, to go direct west from the place now occupied by Will Sharp, returning the old route at the Hebel corner. The change was made to avoid the bad condition of the Joe Mongler road and the road paralleling the Molino road on the west.

Postmaster Jackson announced Monday that he had received instructions to make a detailed inspection of each of the seven rural routes emanating from the Mexico post office and make full reports to the Department as to the condition of same. The active cooperation of the patrons on rural routes is desired in keeping the roads so traversed in reasonably good condition throughout the year. On account of the increasing volume of parcel post for delivery to rural patrons rural conditions must be such that the rural carriers can cover their routes every week-day in the year in a vehicle that will provide for the mail matter being properly protected from weather conditions.

## NORTHERN LIGHTS PLAY HAVOC WITH TELEGRAPH SERVICE

Electrical disturbances exerted by the aurora borealis are said to have been the cause of almost a total suspension of service from 8:30 p. m., to midnight Saturday and again Sunday night.

The mysterious northerly visitor caused a pale yellow glow to appear on the northern horizon, plainly visible both Saturday and Sunday nights.

Here For Commencement.

Mrs. H. W. Johnston of Montgomery City, is here for the Hardin commencement when her daughter, Miss Dorothy Johnston, will graduate. She is domiciled with Mrs. Hardin Hixey, and has as her guest Mrs. Sam Nylor of Montgomery City.

To Tour West.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Nash are home from Chicago where they have been preparing for a four month's motor trip through the West. On their way to Chicago they were in the Alton wreck and raised going through the broken wreckage by 30 feet.

Mrs. J. T. Fields is very ill at the home of her son, Herbert Fields, in Kansas City.

Ran Kendall is home from Texas.

## CLUB LEASES EAST LAKE FROM ALTON

The Mexico Country Club has closed a lease with the Chicago & Alton railroad for the exclusive use of East Lake, which joins the Country Club grounds just east of Mexico. The lease calls for the exclusive use of the lake and grounds for hunting, bathing, boating and fishing.

The Mexico County Club is the only organization of its kind in the state with a lake as a part of its equipment and the members of the club are preparing to build boat houses and place on it at once.

The recent wet weather has materially interfered with the work of the Greens Committee at the club but it is expected that the course will be worked on this week and temporary holes installed so that playing can start at once.

Work on the club house has been delayed because of the rains. However excavation for the foundation has been made and it is thought it will be a matter of but a short time before the building will be completed.

## Sup't. Schools Recommends Many Changes

Many contemplated changes and a number of improvements that would do much to benefit Mexico schools are recommended in a letter that Supt. L. B. Hawthorne has addressed to the School Board for their consideration.

Prominent among these recommendations is the suggestion that additions and improvements be made in all the school buildings. Supt. Hawthorne suggests that the entire third floor of Central School be removed and a six room addition on a level with the entrance floor be erected. Basket ball courts and modern toilet facilities should be built into this new addition.

South Side School should be provided with a play room of sufficient size to care for the physical education asked for.

Garfield School, he says, needs a large play room that could also be used as an assembly place for the negroes.

An addition to the High School will be the only solution of present troubles there, he believes. A new building in the form of an L or wing with gymnasium and modern shower facilities and class rooms would remedy the acute shortage of class room space there.

Other recommendations include: summer kindergarten, additional grade school teachers, High School Librarian, physical director and more teaching by means of pictures.

He recommends that higher standards of employing teachers be adopted and that general salaries be ten per cent higher than at the present time.

## LOCAL METHODISTS LEAD IN SUNDAY-SCHOOL CONTEST

Ten local Methodist Church is still leading both Moberly and Fulton in the contests for attendance. The total number present at Sunday school Sunday was 489 and there were 115 men at the Bible Class.

Mexico is now 125 points ahead of Fulton, even the Fulton class had 130 men present Sunday. There are two more weeks to the contest.

Senator X. P. Willey will address the men's class next Sunday.

## NO FURTHER ARRESTS MADE IN POLLOCK MILL BURGLARY

An inventory of stock at Pollock's Mill revealed the fact that only one or two sacks of flour were missing after the burglary Saturday night. It was thought at first that a quantity of meal had been taken, but a check proved the fact that it had not been disturbed.

There have been no further arrests made in the case.

In Minstrel Show.

FULTON, Mo., May 16.—Three Mexico boys, Curtis Mitchell, William Walker Johnson and Guy Pitts, took part in the Mustard Seed Minstrel given at Pratt's Theatre last Friday evening. The proceeds go to pay for base ball uniforms. A profit of over one hundred and twenty five dollars was raised.

Mr. and Mrs. John I. Halderman are visiting Mrs. Halderman's parents, Judge and Mrs. Alex Carter on East Promenade St.

## DATES FOR THE C. OF C. CAMPAIGN MAY 30-JUNE 5

F. A. Barnes of the Development Service Bureau of the St. Louis Chamber of Commerce spent Tuesday with Secretary Coleman and members of the Audrain Chamber of Commerce planning the monster membership campaign that is soon to be staged by that body.

Tentative plans worked out by Secretary Coleman and Mr. Barnes will mean the upbuilding of the local Chamber to its maximum efficiency and the efforts thus expended will bring a dollar and cents return to Audrain county, Mr. Barnes says.

The dates of the drive are May 30 to June 5.

In setting the goal at a total of 400 members Secretary Coleman calls attention to the fact that the Marshall Chamber in a recent drive, increased its membership 200 per cent and raised a budget of \$6000 for the coming year.

## FARM CLUB NOTES

The Beaver Dam Farm Club is making preparations for an entertainment to be held soon to raise funds and increase interest in the organization. Vic Wayne and Cecil Weidner are in charge of the plans and can be depended upon to give the members something good. This was decided at the meeting of the Club Friday night the regular weekly meeting was held.

Mitchell White, editor of the Ledger, was present, and made a short talk. In order to increase the number of clubs in the county a committee of James Dillard, James Sims and Cecil Weidner was appointed to visit other school districts and organize. This is a part of the campaign for 2500 farm club members in Audrain.

Beaver Dam is growing rapidly and has one of the liveliest organizations in the county. Edgar Lockridge is president and Cecil Weidner secretary.

The farm clubs of Audrain county will meet in the Court House in this city Saturday, May 28th. The exact hour has not been announced. It is likely monthly meetings will be held in the Court House in an effort to interest new members and concentrate the work of the various clubs.

It's a good thing the ground has been wet for the past few days for those live Cedar Grove Farm Club members have been too busy in their membership campaign to think about a plow or a planter. Two teams made up of 37 members each are on the trail of prospective club members and the battle is waxing warm. The close of the campaign is Thursday night, May 19 at Cedar Grove school house when the losing side will have to stand the treat. If you own a farm and see one of the campaign committees coming, you may as well have your \$2.50 in your hand and your pencil ready to sign the dotted line. The only way you can escape is to have joined before hand. Cedar Grove has 1 members at the last meeting. They want 151 or more by the next session—and we believe they'll get them and several more to. They are live wires.

The farmers south of Mexico have been bothered quite a little lately by thieves. Smoke houses and chicken houses have been entered and the contents stolen and other depredations reported. To put a stop to this the Cedar Grove Farm Club raised a fund of \$200 to pay the necessary expenses toward the arrest and conviction of thieves robbing their members. Henry Deane says if you want to steal chickens you had better do your robbing some other place than in that section for they intend to get the culprits if they have to hire the bloodhounds.

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## Wanted—Farm News

The Ledger is very anxious to secure as much interesting farm and stock news as possible.

We have said this before and we appreciate the many friends who are now making it a point to give us this news.

However we would be glad to receive more farm news. Farmers in all parts of Audrain are interested in what the farmers in other sections of the county are doing. The Ledger is making an effort to keep them informed. You can help us by supplying us with your neighborhood farm news.

If you have any farm and stock news, any farm club news or any other news that will be of interest to the farmer tell us about it. We will be glad to publish it.

*F. Mitchell White*

## MISS RUTH NOAH IS MADE QUEEN AT HARDIN MAY FETE

Miss Ruth Noah of Topeka, Kansas, was crowned May Queen at the Hardin College Spring Pageant Tuesday evening. She was elected by popular vote of all Hardin students, the highest vote electing Queen and the next three choosing her attendants, who were Misses Anne Callison of Clarine, Mo., Helen Heizer of Mexico and Allie Burton Parrish of Jonesburg, Ark.

In the fairy story the King of the forest arrives at his throne to find it occupied by a fair usurper, but he is so pleased that he asks her to remain. Miss Gladys Blackburn, who was the king, sang beautifully to the Queen and her attendants inviting her to stay.

The happy subjects asked permission to dance and the fairies that appeared performed their parts with grace and ease. The large audience was delighted with the dainty dancers and all their parts were cleverly performed indeed. Costumes strikingly appropriate for the occasion lent color to the scene that was enhanced by the beautiful weather and all combined to make the pageant a complete success.

The directors, Misses Bothwell and Rutter, deserve particular credit for the skillful planning of the parts and the choosing of the characters and Miss Martha Pilcher conducted the orchestra splendidly.

## HAS RECEIVERS

It became known in Jefferson City Friday that the personal business affairs of James A. Houchin have been placed in the hands of a receiver as a result of the business condition of the Star Clothing Co., which was recently placed under the direction of receivers in St. Louis. Henson M. Stevens and Robert C. Morris, receivers for the Star Clothing Co., have also been appointed to handle the personal affairs of Mr. Houchin.

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## NEGRO PLEADS GUILTY TO CHARGE OF BURGLARY

Mitchell McLoud, col., who gave his residence as Baltimore, Md., pleaded guilty before Justice R. B. Hooton when arraigned on a charge of burglary Wednesday morning. He waived his preliminary hearing and is now held for the June term of the Circuit Court.

McLoud was taken in custody after a chase extending to Moberly on a charge of burglarizing the home of Jacob N. Allen in west Mexico about 8 o'clock Tuesday morning. Upon hearing that the suspect had fled to Moberly Chief of Police Sam Wallace immediately had him rounded up by officers there and he was brought to Mexico early Wednesday.

He admitted his guilt when brought before Judge Hooton and will be sentenced at the June term of Circuit Court.

Nothing of value was missed from the Allen home.

## MISS EULA HODGES IS MARRIED TO EMIT ARNOLD

Emit Arnold of near Mexico and Miss Eula Hodge of Centralia were united in marriage by Rev. F. W. Emerson at the Christian Church Tuesday morning at 11 a. m. Relatives and immediate friends of the couple witnessed the ceremony.

Miss Arnold is a graduate of the Centralia High School and one of the most charming young ladies of that town. Since graduating there she has been teaching at the Goodwater School, where she has made a splendid record.

Mr. Arnold, the son of T. J. Arnold, of South Jefferson street is a prosperous farmer. The couple will reside on the Arnold place north of town after their honeymoon.

The Ledger joins the many friends of this couple in congratulating them and wishing them happiness.

## PENSION-BLIND

One application has been approved by the county Probate Court under the new law enacted at the last session of the legislature to provide pensions for the worthy blind. Three more persons were in Mexico Wednesday to confer with the court in regard to applications.

The application that has been approved is of Miss Mamie Lee Fountain of Audrain County, whose case will now be acted upon by the Secretary of the Missouri Commission for the Blind.

The law provides that every adult blind person who has been a resident of the state for ten years or more and who lost his or her sight while a resident of the state and who has an income of less than \$780 annually shall receive from the state a pension of from \$100 to \$300 annually, according to their needs.

Blue Jays Win.

Westminster defeated Central College in debate at Fulton Tuesday night. Curtis Mitchell, of Mexico, was one of the winning debaters. W. W. Fry, Jr., was one of the Judges.